

filed 21 June 2001. No new matter is introduced by this amendment. Consequently, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment of the specification in the instant application.

Applicants believe that this application is in condition for allowance, and therefore an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**In the Specification:**

-- [0002] This application is a continuation in part of commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/881,899, "Fast Escrow Delivery," by Chee-Hong Wong, Kok-Hoon Teo, See-Wai Yip, Kok-Khuan Fong, and Eng-Whatt Toh, filed 14 June 2001, which is a continuation in part of commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/332,358, "Simplified Addressing for Private Communications," by Eng-Whatt Toh and Peng-Toh Sim, filed 10 June 1999; and commonly-assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/887,157, "Secure and Reliable [Data] Document Delivery," by Eng-Whatt Toh, Chee-Hong Wong, Kok-Hoon Teo, and See-Wai Yip, filed 21 June 2001, which claims the priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of commonly-assigned U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/216,734, "A VPN-Based Digital Delivery System," by Eng-Whatt Toh, filed 7 July 2000; U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/242,015, "Application VPN with Application Proxies," by Eng-Whatt Toh, filed 19 October 2000; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/242,014, "Method For Fast Escrow Delivery," by Chee-Hong Wong, Kok-Hoon Teo, See-Wai Yip, and Eng-Whatt Toh, filed 19 October 2000. The subject matters of the foregoing applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--